

## **Partners' support to WHO Pakistan**

Resource mobilization mechanisms have a direct bearing on the quality of relationships between WHO and its development partners. Maintaining positive relationships with partners contributes to ongoing and long-term donor support of the organization. Of particular importance are rigorous efforts on the part of the Organization to demonstrate accountability and transparency through its financial and narrative reports.

Donor assistance assumes a critical importance in dealing with disasters. WHO has received valuable support from its partners during crisis situations for uninterrupted provision of emergency health services to the affected populations. This ensured WHO's continued support and technical assistance to the Government of Pakistan and health partners which not only enhanced programmatic and operational support to meet the health challenges caused by the catastrophes, but also reiterated WHO's commitment towards 'Building Back Better'.

Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), Department For International Development (DFID), European Civil Protection and Humanitarian aid Office (ECHO), Finland, Japan, Italy, Monaco, Norway, Russian Federation, Eisai Company Limited Japan, Saudi Fund for Development (SFD), Spain, Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA/USAID), and the United States Department of States-Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (BPRM).

WHO remains a trusted partner of the health partners in promoting health development and mobilizing health relief and response interventions.

WHO has also been supported by GAVI and Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) while Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Islamic Development Bank are also contributing to Polio Eradication Initiative (PEI) through financial assistance.

## **Health, Population and Nutrition Development Partners Group**

Health, Population and Nutrition Development Partners Group (HPNDPG) was constituted in November 2014 with a purpose to provide a forum for exchange of information and discussions of issues among development partners supporting health, population and nutrition

programming, and to identify issues of common concern to raise with the GoP, as appropriate; to provide a forum for dialogue with the Government of Pakistan (GoP) related to progress and constraints in the achievement of goals set by GoP in the health, population, and nutrition (HPN) sectors; and to facilitate common understandings and integration of policies, approaches and efforts of development partners in the HPN sector in Pakistan.

HPNDPG is committed to systemic development of the HPN sector in Pakistan, with the ensuing commitment to support the policies of the Government of Pakistan (GoP), work with GoP systems, and accept common procedures and requirements. Members include Australia, Canada, Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), David Lucile & Packard Foundation, Department for International Development (DFID), European Union (EU), German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), KfW Development Bank (KfW), UNAIDS, UNFPA, UNICEF, World Health Organization (WHO) and World Bank.

WHO has taken over the role of Chair of the Group for the year 2017 and the first meeting was organized on 24 August 2017 to discuss priority issues including the GHSA Roadmap, joint support to country surveys, family planning and census and upcoming initiatives from partners. Results of a study conducted by Population Council (guest speaker), were also presented in the meeting. The study served to provide maternal mortality estimates and was commissioned by GIZ and DFID in two districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

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